

PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re application of

Kersti STRANDQVIST

Serial No. (unknown)

BOX PCT

Filed herewith

PCT LEGAL OFFICE

ABSORBENT STRUCTURE HAVING
IMPROVED ABSORPTION
PROPERTIES

PETITION TO REVIVE UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED
APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

On April 20, 1999, applicant filed International Application PCT/SE99/00627, which designated the United States, and which claimed priority of earlier Swedish Application No. 9801490-5 filed April 28, 1998. A Demand was timely filed on November 11, 1999. Accordingly, the 30-month period for entering the United States as an Elected Office pursuant to 37 CFR 1.495 or for filing a copending continuation application under 35 USC 111 expired at midnight on October 30, 2000 (the 28th being a Saturday). Since none of the elements required for entry into the national stage under 35 USC 371(c) or for filing a continuation application under 35 USC 111 were filed by that date, the International application became abandoned as to the United States on October 30, 2000.

Kersti STRANDQVIST

Petitioner hereby states that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

Accompanying this petition is a proposed response, which includes all the elements required for filing a continuation application under 35 USC 111.

The requisite 37 CFR 1.17(m) petition fee in the amount of \$1240 is authorized to be debited from counsel's Deposit Account No. 25-0120.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that International Application PCT/SE99/00627, which unintentionally became abandoned as to the United States, be revived under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) for the purpose of gaining copendency with the accompanying continuation application.

Respectfully submitted,

YOUNG & THOMPSON

By

Benoît Castel

Benoît Castel
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 35,041
745 South 23rd Street
Arlington, VA 22202
Telephone: 703/521-2297

October 31, 2000